



NIHR's Statement on the Extraordinary Meeting Of the National Assembly

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The National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) commends Royal Order No. 33 for the year 2013 promulgated by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, King of Bahrain, inviting the National Assembly to convene in response to a request made by the National Assembly's Chairman Khalifa bin Ahmed Al-Dhahrani, expressing the desire of the National Assembly's members to hold an extraordinary session to discuss toughening punishments in Law No. 58 for the year 2006 on the protection of society against terrorist acts, and to discuss the current national and security situation on the domestic scene.

NIHR expressed its deepest appreciation of the recommendations reached by the National Assembly at its extraordinary session held on Sunday July 28 - 2013, believing in the responsibility of the legislative authority to undertake its legislative and oversight duties in order to protect the Kingdom's gains and future generations and face the recent dangerous escalation that aims at pushing the country to unrest and political tension, which is contrary to the Islamic values and international norms, conventions and treaties.

NIHR also expresses its extreme concern and attention regarding the unfortunate developments taking place in the Kingdom of Bahrain, caused by illegal acts. In this respect, the NIHR:

First: Calls for the need to stand behind the Kingdom's wise leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa of Bahrain in order to continue the reformist approach and lead the Kingdom to a desirable and promising future in all areas. The NIHR emphasizes the ability of His Majesty the King to contain the domestic developments as he represents the symbol of national unity who protects the provisions of the Constitution.



Second: Praises the National Assembly's stance that demands maintaining security, stability and social unity. The NIHR also appreciates the efforts to maintain the national gains and achievements and develop capabilities for boosting the Kingdom of Bahrain, and emphasizes the ability of people of Bahrain to contain the developments of the internal situation and maintain security and stability in the country .